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cio pauciora, aut penè nulla ea esse viderentur. Mox tamen novis, variisque Observationibus instituendis, ac præsertim magni Gnomonis ope, Augustissimi nostri Regis jussu erigendi, fore spero, ut secundorum numerum congruentius assequamur.

Quas hæc observavi Solis, Lunæque Eclipses, observavit R. P. *Dominicus Capassus, Conimbricæ*, quò, à mense Junio anni proximè superioris 1726. balnearum causâ secesserat; ibique nonnullas etiam instituit Observationes circa Poli Elevationem; ac circa Intimi Satellitis Immersiones, atque Emerfiones; quas omnes seorsim exhibebit, unà cum reliquis ab ipso mox habendis in variis hujusce Regni locis ad Boream sitis. Deinceps in aliis etiam opportunius instituentur.

VII. *Some Observations made in the Dissection of three Subjects ; by Mr. Ranby, F. R. S.*

THE *First*, a Man aged 70 Years, who died of a Suppression of Urine, occasion'd by a Stone stopping in the *Urethra*, just within the *Glans*, of the Bigness of a Horse-Bean. This Appearance, with the Symptoms that had attended this miserable Man, gave me Reason to expect something remarkable in the urinary Passages. The *Ureters* and *Pelvis* were very much distended; which is common where great Numbers of Stones have descended down them, from the Kidneys to the Bladder. The Bladder contained about *sixty Stones*, the largest of which was about the Size of a Walnut, the others smaller; and just within the Neck, was a *hard Tumour*, as big as a Nutmeg, which almost

almost closed the Orifice: and indeed the Situation of this Tumour was such, that it not only made the passing the *Catheter* very difficult, and hinder'd our feeling the Stones, by directing the Instrument upwards; but likewise would alone produce the Symptoms of the Stone in the Bladder, by obstructing the free Discharge of Urine through the *Urethra*; the inner Membrane of which appeared as if lacerated in several Places, and the Tube fill'd with a glutinous Matter tinged with Blood. On the back Part of the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, near the *Prostata*, were several *Stones*, as large as Peas, which closely adhered to the adjacent Membranes.

The *Second*, a Boy aged 10 Years, kill'd by a Blow on the Skull; whose Spleen weigh'd two Pounds, and possessed almost all the left Side of the abdominal Cavity. The Bladder, when distended to its greatest Capacity, would not contain an *Ounce*.

The *Third*, a Man aged 25, who died of a Pocky Hectick, and some Days before complained of a painful Swelling in the Testicle, which he said came the Night before. I examin'd it, and found it to be a *Hernia Aquosa*, and would have punctur'd it, if I had not felt (besides the Water) a hard Body, which I could by no Means reduce. In a few Days he died, which gave me an Opportunity of being satisfied. Opening the *Scrotum*, and separating the common Membranes to the *Processus Vaginalis*, it contained about four Ounces of Water, besides a great Part of the *Omentum*; some Portion of which adhered to the Bottom of the Cavity, and the *Albuginea* that immediately covers the Testicle.